

Remarks

This amendment should be entered after final because it places the claims in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 is sought to be amended. Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-13 are pending in the application, with 1 being the sole independent claim. No new matter has been entered based on these amendments.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 1-13 were rejected under obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 in U.S. Patent 6,710,644 to Duncan et al. ("Duncan").

Applicant is submitting a Terminal Disclaimer concurrently herewith to overcome the double patenting rejection. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

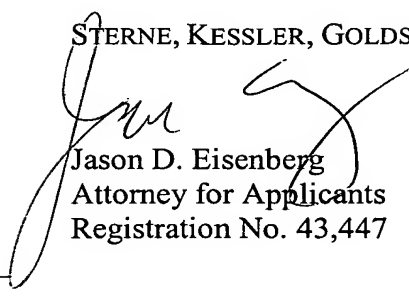
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding final Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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